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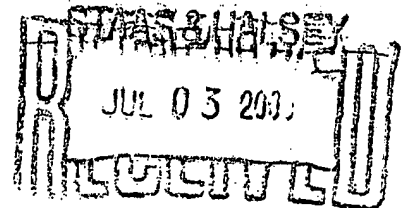
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## Title

Autofocus apparatus

## Preliminary Class



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## AUTOFOCUS APPARATUS

the specification of which (check one) ☒ is attached hereto ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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## Prior Foreign Application(s)

(Number)	(Country)	Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority Claimed
8-85192	JAPAN	8 April 1996	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any U.S. application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter  
 of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided  
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